

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite tape in a roll from which a closure tab for disposable articles can be cut, comprising

a fastening tape comprising (a) a backing film having a fastening surface, the backing film having a bonding extension section and an engaging extension section, wherein the bonding extension section attaches the fastening tape to a disposable absorbent article; and (b) mechanical fastening elements projecting from the backing film at the engaging extension section; and

a release tape comprising a backing layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the backing layer of the release tape entirely covers the mechanical fastener ~~material~~elements of the fastening tape and wherein the fastening tape is releasably attached to the release tape.

2. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein the fastening tape further comprises an adhesive layer in contact with the fastening surface of the backing layer.

3. (Original) The composite tape of claim 2 wherein the adhesive layer extends continuously along the entire backing layer.

4. (Original) The composite tape of claim 2 wherein the adhesive layer adheres to the bonding extension section of the backing film.

5. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein the backing film further comprises an intermediate section positioned between the bonding extension section and the engaging extension section.

6. (Original) The composite tape of claim 5 wherein the intermediate section is extensible.
7. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein at least one of the backing film and the backing layer comprises a polymeric film.
8. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein at least one of the backing film and backing layer comprises paper.
9. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein at least one of the backing film and the backing layer comprises an extensible composite.
10. (Original) The composite tape of claim 7 wherein the polymeric film is nonwoven.
11. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein at least one of the backing film and the backing layer comprises a textile.
12. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein the bonding section adhesively attaches to the disposable absorbent article.
13. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein the bonding section is welded to the disposable absorbent article.
14. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein the release tape has an outer fold and an inner fold.
15. (Original) The composite tape of claim 14 wherein the outer fold of the release tape has a plurality of perforations for releasing the fastening tape from the release tape.

16. (Original) The composite tape of claim 1 wherein the mechanical fastening elements comprise hooks.